

# **DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of August 18, 2021**

### **I. Roll Call**

- a. Members in attendance: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish, Russ Barrett, Laura Hill-Eubanks (non-voting)

### **II. Set/Adjust Agenda**

- a. Add "Meadow Mowing"

### **III. Approval of Minutes (July)**

- a. Approval of July minutes, motion to approve by Russ, seconded Kim, Approved 4-0-0

### **IV. Discussion**

#### **a. Member Updates**

- i. Simon showed a rough draft of the Water Street Cultural Heritage Walk signage to the group for comments.
- ii. Bonnie shared a message from Flywheel informing us that the benches for the park will not arrive in time for the anniversary of Irene.

#### **b. Paths**

- i. The hard pack paths are quickly becoming completely covered with grass. The town needs to commit to a weed control strategy. Spraying glyphosate (RoundUp) is an acceptable strategy as the hard pack paths are not in the riparian buffer zone. A contractor should be contacted for the job. Redstart was mentioned.

#### **c. Irene Anniversary**

- i. Covered elsewhere

#### **d. Bench/plaque status**

- i. The plaque vendor will be contacted to see if the plaques could be available for the anniversary of Irene.

e. Knotweed agreement

- i. The Friends of the Winooski River have secured funding from Vermont Fish and Wildlife and have a contractor signed on to apply herbicide to knotweed in the park. The town is currently reviewing the Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Plan, which must be approved by the town before knotweed control can occur.
- ii. Motion: This committee supports the approval of the Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Plan to control knotweed in 2021. Approved 4-0-0.

f. Playground equipment condition

- i. Tabled

g. Meadow mowing

- i. Need to have the northern third of the meadow mowed ASAP.
- ii. Bonnie will contact Jeff to ask the town to set a time to meet a committee member to give guidance on the location that needs to be mowed.

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment